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Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its nineteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9–13 May 2016. The Commission held nine meetings (1st to 9th).

2. The session was opened by the Chair Mr. Peter Major (Hungary), who made an opening statement.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, on 9 May, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

4. At the same meeting, Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Mr. Gordon McBean, Secretary General, International Council for Science (ICSU), addressed the Commission.

Ministerial round table
"Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"

5. At the 1st meeting, on 9 May, the Commission held a ministerial roundtable on the 2016 theme of the Economic and Social Council, on "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results". The roundtable was

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moderated by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, who also made introductory remarks. The following participants took part: Mr. Nonofo Molefhi, Minister of Infrastructure, Science and Technology, Botswana; Mr. Plácido Gómez Ramirez, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dominican Republic; Ms. Jamila El Mossali, Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Higher Education, Scientific Research and the training of executives, Morocco; Mr. Susil Premajayantha, Minister, Ministry of Science, Technology and Research, Sri Lanka; Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission on Europe; Ms. Shirley Malcom, Head of the Directorate of Education and Human Resources, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Chair of CSTD Gender Advisory Board; Professor Afework Kassu, State Minister, Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunication, Ethiopia; Mr. Vaughan Turekian, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, United States of America; Ms. Maja Fjaestad, State Secretary, Ministry for Strategic Development and Nordic Cooperation, Sweden; Mr. Fazal Abbas Maken, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, Pakistan; Mr. Robert Glasser, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; Ms. Jessica Alupo, Minister, Ministry of Education Sports, Science & Technology, Uganda; Mr. Fahad Bin Al Julanda Al-Said, Assistant Secretary General, The Research Council, Oman; Mr. François Xavier Ngarambe, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Rwanda; and Mr. Andrew Kihurani, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

6. Also, at the same meeting, the Commission agreed to transmit the Chair's summary of the discussion of the ministerial roundtable to the 2016 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council to be held in New York from 18 to 22 July 2016.

High-level round table "Review of progress made in the implementation of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes"

7. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 May, The Commission held a ministerial roundtable on "Review of progress made in the implementation of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes." The roundtable was moderated by His Excellency Jānis Kārkliņš, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, who also made introductory remarks. The following participants took part: Mr. Susil Premajayantha, Minister, Ministry of Science, Technology and Research, Sri Lanka; Mr. Benedicto Fonseca, Ambassador, Ministry of External Relations (Brazil); Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Chief of ITU's Strategic Planning, International Telecommunication Union; Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez Hernandez, Director General of Information, Ministry of Communications (Cuba); Mr. Phillip Metzger, Director, Federal Office of Communications, OFCOM (Switzerland); Mr. Indrajit Banerjee, Director Knowledge Societies Division Communication and Information Sector, United Nations Educational, Cultural and Science Organization; Mr. Jørgen Abild Andersen, Chair of Committee on Digital Economy Policy, OECD; Mr. Stefano Bertasi, Executive Director, Department of Policy and Business Practices, International Chamber of Commerce.

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 May, the representatives of Hungary, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Mexico, Turkey and the Dominican Republic made statements, as well as by the Observers for Nepal, South Africa and Morocco.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: the Association for Progressive Communications, the Internet Society and Village Suisse.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Moderator made a brief summary of the discussion.

B. Attendance

11. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of civil society and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2016/INF/___.

C. Election of officers

12. At the 8th meeting of its eighteenth session, on 8 May 2015 the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its eighteenth session by acclamation.

Chair:

H.E. Peter Major (Hungary)

Vice-Chairs:

Mr. Maxwell Otim Onapa (Uganda)
Mr. A. Min Tjoa (Austria)

13. At the 1st meeting of the nineteenth session of the Commission, on 9 May 2016, Mr. Plácido Gómez Ramírez, Vice Minister for Science and Technology of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (Dominican Republic) was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

14. At the same meeting, on 9 May 2016, the Commission appointed Mr. A. Min Tjoa (Austria) to serve, in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, as Rapporteur of the nineteenth session of the Commission.

D. Agenda and organization of work

15. At its 1st meeting, on 9 May, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.16/2016/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
3. Science and technology for development

   Priority themes:

   (a) Smart cities and infrastructure

   (b) Foresight for digital development
4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews
5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the twentieth session of the Commission
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session

16. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the proposed organization of work, contained in an informal paper circulated in English only.

17. Also at the same meeting, the Commission appointed Mr. Plácido Gómez Ramírez, (Dominican Republic) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Science and technology for development" and Mr. Michael Walma (Canada) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.